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In re Application of:  
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For: SILICA REINFORCED RUBBER  
COMPOSITION AND ARTICLE WITH  
COMPONENT THEREOF, INCLUDING  
TIRES  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated December 10, 2003, no paper number given, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.